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UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(c)(2)

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are cited herewith:

German Published Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 38 29 033 A1(Zucker), dated March 30, 1989, and corresponding United States Patent US 4,778,730 (Zucker), dated October 18, 1988;

Japanese Patent JP 10-202547 (Taguchi), dated August 4, 1998, and English abstract thereof;

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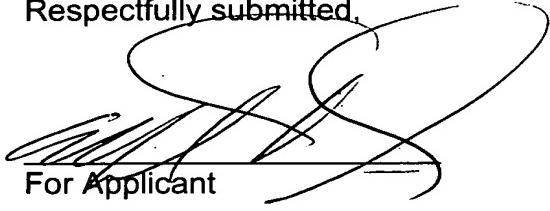
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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(c)(2), consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is requested. Enclosed is the fee in the amount of \$180.00.

Respectfully submitted,


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